

Background Material for Budget Discussion

INTERIOR
(Fish & Wildlife Service)

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Production (see AGRICULTURE)

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Requirements

Although 36 NIS Areas are considered an essential minimum for detailed coverage of non-bloc Agriculture, only six of these - Peru, Norway, Spain, India, and South Africa (including the Southwest Africa trust territory) - are major fish producers. The other 30 areas, less important, would vary in coverage from 4 (Bolivia) to 18 (France) printed pages. This contrasts with a probable 30-40 pages for the important six. The average for the thirty areas seems to be about 10 printed, or 40 manuscript pages for this subsection. The annual commitment for F & W is thus seen to be 320 manuscript pages, plus whatever major fish-producing area may be scheduled for any given year.

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Quality

These are annually, including FY 65, rated by both Lois Bacon and Ross as good to flawless, and need only minor editorial support in either ERS and Editorial Division, OBI.

Comment

Soon after our last budget meeting Shapiro was removed as chief of the Branch of Foreign Fisheries, in whose Special Studies unit our NIS contribution is produced, and replaced by Frank Piskur. Later that year (August), Garfield and Bouchard, Piskur's deputy, visited with Martell and me to discuss re-use of NIS information, including the annotated base map, in unclassified F & W publications. We said that their files were their own, after we were in print. They would need to remove, in their publications, resemblances to the NIS or invite security difficulties. This probably precluded using the base map. They left saying they would inform us if the Bureau decided to go ahead with a series of unclassified Bureau publications. We have not been so informed.

In February the usually prompt Special Studies unit began to delay deliveries to ERS, Agriculture, according to Lois Bacon. I visited the Deputy Director of Commercial Fisheries, Mr. Crowther, whom Shapiro told me to see about the delays. Crowther and Piskur, present at the interview, assured prompt delivery of their forthcoming contributions to ERS.

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Lois Bacon, 7 April, sent me a copy of her letter to Piskur showing due dates for the five remaining contributions for FY 65 and saying deadlines must be met. A few days later I heard from Bacon (telephone) that Piskur had visited her on 12 April and introduced the new supervisor of the Special Studies Unit, Mr. Mimsy, and promised adherence to the deadlines. Shapiro had been transferred out of the NIS Program.

The staff in the Special Studies Unit appears to now consist of Mimsy (GS-13), Ossie Smith (GS-13), Smith (GS-12), Carl Freeman (GS-11), Marshall (GS-7), a statistical girl assistant (GS-7), secretary (GS-5), and clerk-typographer vacancy (GS-5).

Comparison of the FY 65 budget with the two now proposed shows a substantial increase in supervisory time. According to the FY 63 budget the Special Studies Unit was run on 1/3 of a GS-14 supervisor's time. In addition, part of an added 15% is for "Administrative Services" which, according to a Bouchard reply to Heffernan's telephone inquiry, is for "Division and Branch Supervision". The only supervision needed during the past 15 years has been that of the Unit Supervisor, according to past budget requests. The last two manuscripts, according to Bacon, have also been reviewed by Piskur and Bouchard; this new step in the process apparently being responsible for the delays.

Budget comparisons further show an increase in miscellaneous expenses, itemized last year at \$2,200 for such specific items as typing, supplies, and reproduction; now lumped into the questionable 15% as costing, together with added supervision, \$11,725.

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Lois Bacon coordinates and, as needed, edits the contribution.